

Edina Public Art Report to the Edina Arts & Culture Commission February 2014

- Edina Public Art had a productive four-hour work session Saturday, Feb. 22nd at City Hall. The group created a new mission statement and worked on the Edina Public Art Guidelines to have them more clearly represent the areas in which we are engaged. The finished guidelines with mission statement will be approved at our next meeting and presented to the commission at the March EACC meeting.
- We are participating in several city related initiatives advising on public art and placemaking for the Phase IV expansion of the Promenade, the 50th & France Wayfinding and Parking Ramp Project, the Pentagon Park development, THINK Bank plans and the Fairview Southdale multimillion dollar expansion.
- THINK Bank, which will start building in the spring on the site of the Szechuan Restaurant next to the Promenade, plans to have a second floor room available free for community meetings. The manager indicated the room could also serve as an exhibition area for local artists.
- A meeting was held Tuesday, February 4th with Bruce Stillman, Heidi Hoy, Barbara La Valleur, Dick Crocket, and Michael Frey. Bruce Stillman, whose sculpture, Oxymoron, was chosen 2012 People's Choice Award, has offered to lower the price of his sculpture from \$42,250 to \$25,000.
- Walt Gregg from our group has developed a template for a more user friendly standardization for pods and mounting bases for sculptures. He is working with city officials to incorporate it into the Phase IV Promenade expansion plans which calls for three new sculptures. It is hoped to gradually have all pods use the design which will avoid the current drilling of holes in concrete each year which results in an unsightly base for sculptures over time.

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